

REMARKS

OVERVIEW

Claims 1-14 are pending in this application. Claims 7-12 have been amended. The present response is an earnest effort to place all claims in proper form for immediate allowance.

ALLOWED CLAIMS

The Examiner has previously indicated that claims 1-6, 13, and 14 have been allowed.

ISSUES UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 7 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2005/0137877 to Oesterling et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,825,875 to Strub et al. Claims 8-12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2005/0137877 to Oesterling et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,825,875 to Strub et al. and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,549,130 to Joao.


Claims 7-12 have been amended in a manner which moots these rejections. In particular, note that claims 7-12 have been amended to be method claims as opposed to system claims. Also note that claims 7-12 now include all the limitations of claim 1. As claim 1 has been allowed, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner should find claims 7-12 allowable as well.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that all claims are in proper form for immediate allowance. No additional fees or extensions of time are believed to be due in connection with this amendment; however, consider this a request for any extension inadvertently omitted, and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 26-0084.

Reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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